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SBA Joins Forces with National City Mayor to Create a Small Business Advisory Board

Meet the new SBA District Director, Dr. Ruben Garcia, on March 30

NATIONAL CITY, CA -- The <u>Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> and the <u>National City</u> Mayor's Office will form a Small Business Advisory Board (SBAB) charged with advising the Mayor and City Council on any matter that will assist in the success of small businesses, such as the formulation of laws, policies or procedures which may affect the management, operation or financial stability of small business.

The new San Diego district director for SBA, <u>Dr. Ruben Garcia</u>, will form the SBAB with active members of the National City community who are interested in helping new and existing business entrepreneurs.

Notes Dr. Garcia, "I look forward to working closely with National City Mayor Nick Inzunza to help foster a climate of growth for the entrepreneurial spirit in this wonderful city by offering educational and financial resources through our education and lending partners."

Mayor Inzunza will host a "meet and greet" for the new SBA district director on March 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Martin Luther King Center, 140 E. 12th Street, National City. All who wish to meet or participate are invited to attend.

"National City has a long history of helping small businesses develop and grow," says Inzunza. "We look forward to continuing our efforts through the formation of the Small Business Advisory Board."

Guests will have the opportunity to interact with local SBA representatives, lenders and resource partners, including <u>SCORE</u> (<u>Service Corps of Retired Executives</u>) counselors and the <u>Small Business Development and International Trade Center (SBDITC</u>).

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